

ABOVE SDT Leadership Meeting – 6/18/13

Attending: Diane W., Peter G., Eric K., Dan H., Libby L.; Rapporteur: Liz H.

New Business:

1. Societal Issues Email Exchanges
 - a. ABOVE should focus on the scientific issues, and then determine how they relate to societal issues (Diane W.)
 - b. The most compelling scientific justification is yet to be determined – either global climate or local utility for Arctic and boreal residents (Diane W.)
 - c. Three themes of ecosystem services have arisen in the ABOVE discussions: 1) provisioning services (wildlife habitat, food and fiber; land agencies have a mandate to manage the land for societal benefit and they would be interested in the results of ABOVE); 2) cultural services – subsistence, recreation; 3) regulating series – feedbacks to climate, biological cycles. The SDT needs to see how each of these should be addressed in the ACEP. (Eric K.)
 - d. Should there be a societal issues working group? Libby L. – while ecosystem services are a prevalent theme, there are additional questions which can be asked beyond these services, considering vulnerability from an understanding of ecosystem services. We need to determine best way to incorporate societal issues – workshop or just consulting with others, etc.
 - e. Eric K. and Dan H. to begin thinking about Agenda for Fairbanks SDT meeting
2. What should the SDT work on between now and the SDT meeting in Fairbanks?
 - a. Important themes are emerging based on the inputs of the SDT. SDT members could be charged with preparing material for discussion of these themes at the SDT meeting. (Eric K.)
 - b. Eric will take chapter 3 and synthesize material. Dan H. will continue to get info from groups for chapter 2 (science rational).
 - c. Eric K. will look at the work of the small groups and draft a synthesis document for discussion.
 - d. Libby L. –The SDT needs to consider how to form into groups. Have a ‘process’ conversation to discuss a way for the SDT to discuss these issues at the Fairbanks meeting.
 - e. Diane W.– Wrap up homework assignments before the meeting
 - f. **Action Item:** Libby L. to consider discussion models and create a list of choices and alternatives.

Other Business:

1. Next SDT Leadership Telecon: Thursday 27th 12 noon EDT
2. Eric K.– LTER meeting plans in process
3. Natalie B. – Contacting Toolik Lake leadership to schedule possible meetings
4. Canadian telecon – tomorrow (June 19th) at 1pm with Catherine St.Marie, Juha M., Werner Kurtz and associates.

5. Dan H. – working on Chapter 2 to write up the science questions and rationale
6. Eric K. – Working on Chapter 3
7. Dan H. and Eric K. to work on draft agenda for Fairbanks meeting